for a Nation and should be considered in every phase, but not more so than the selection of a site and home to one of its citizens.



s than one West End goes forward-hard times or not



cause birth to them p roves the richness of their blood, and it is said that distance lends enchantment, but where among the sensible masses does not association and neighborly communication a half minutes; nicely heated, that stop at every corner, between two lines that jointly compete for traffic, assuring the community that no me has to be subjected to soulless and arbitrary corporations or edicts that rarely fail to follow absolute power, such as only stopping once in a mile to take on a passenger, and riding in unbeated cars, with doors m early passenger and not wearing skirts; the charging of an extra fare as often as they see fit, and no appeal; the dropping off a passenger in the middle of a vast prairie without vestige of profession from he wind and rain, to wait for another car to take you on, while the car that brought you returns before your eyes, to eatch a few more



THIS HOUSE shows you what can be done if neces sity com pels; but \$1.250 should be the price, to assure you first-class construction. We have a few lots only, where a frame house would be suitthe surroundings, which we will sell for \$11 per front Some of them look down on the church steeples of Richmond, and are in direct line of the triumphal march of the West End's phenomenal growth,

Some think land is held high in the West End, so seek something cheaper. Mark you, thto lots above cited should be rated at double-or \$22 per front foot-to be as high in price as some that you can only from \$8 to \$19.

There is a steady hand held on this property, and you have reasonable a ssurances that your neighbors will not be such as to ca use you to regret you purchased a home here. Perhaps you have no use for a house. Well, then go on paying for the lot at \$10 cash down and \$5 monthly, and when paid for to keep or to sell will be a pleasure to

Think of Bit About \$1.55 weekly payments secures this gem-interest and all.

Electric arc street lights greet you on every side, with graded streets and sidewalks, free mail, grocery, ice, and any other free delivery to be had anywhere.



OME often think this house looks O. K. on paper, but question its likeness when built. We are just finishing one at Home Place for a customer, in blue granite, Look at it. It stands on a gem of a lot, with plenty more around it, that we sell for \$21 per front foot, on terms of \$50 cash and \$10 monthly payments, simple interest on what you owe from month to month only,

Who ever heard of a stranger loaning you money without interest? Better ask him to loan you his labor without pay.

The above tots are at a low cash value, and when paid for are like so much in the bank to your credit. Violating business principles is like violating obligations. To say without interest means there is no marketable value to what we are selling.

When above lots are paid for, we will, or you may, erect a house of stock brick and granite, or granite and brick, from any plan you choose, which we furnish FREE OF CHA RGE. We will furnish granite blocking and Granolithic walks for about half the usual price; set the choicest trees where you desire, and pay three-fifths the cost of walks and curbing, while you pay two-fifths.

Our building facilities enable us to erect improvements 25 per cent. less than is usual elsewhere, and when all is unished to your liking, we take your notes, payable monthly, as rent, running for six years. The above, if carefully read, gives you full information.

take either car line, going we st-that lands you, on an average, every two and a half minutes at HOME PLACE, opposite the Soldiers' Home.

Consult G. H. A. BALL, daily, after 5 O'clock P. M., at residence opposite Soldiers' Home, to see Plans and Lots. 

## SWANSON SCORES A STRONG POINT

Inly Four Out of Six Republicans Vote to Unseat Him.

TEN DAYS FOR MINORITY REPORT

Gen. James A. Walker's Body Servant During the War Calls on Him and Offers His Services to Go With Him in the Fight Against Spain

WALKER'S BODY SERVANT.

the
Hon, J. Taylor Etyson is here attending
the Democratic banquet on the occasion
of the anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's
bothday.

### HONOR THEIR ALMA MATER.

Kentucky Alumni of the University of Virginia Hold the Annual Banquet LOUISVILE, KY. April 13.—Special.— The annual banquet of the Kentucky Alumni of the University of Virginia, was held at the Galt House here to-night. It was a brilliant affair, attended by some of the most distinguished men in this State.

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Right Rev. T. U. Dudley. Hishop of Kentucky, presided as toast master, and among those who responded were Professor Heath Dabney and C. W. Miller, of the University, Hon, Arthur Carry Peter. and Rev. Dr. Carter Helm Jones, a son of Rev. Dr. J. William Jones, of Virginia.

### ALLOWANCES FOR P. O. CATS.

Many Rat Hunters Regularly on the Salary Roll of the Department.

Every large postoffice in the country has en official cat, whose duties are clearly defined. The cats are expected to keep the offices fros from rats, and if they do not they are summarily dismissed from the service. George W. Beavers, chief of the Division of Salaries and Allowances, is disposed to be fiberal in making appropriations for those cats. In speaking of them to a Sun reporter he said:

"The custom of making allowances for cat meat has been followed by the department for some years. The name of the first postmasier to discover that he needed a cat and then that he could obtain an appropriation for it is not on the records

appropriation for it is not on the records of the department but some of the most interesting correspondence in our files re-lates to Tabby and Tom and their suste-nance. Some of the offices apply for mon-ay to buy cat meat; others feed their

for cat meat. Some time ago an appeal was received from the St. Paul office. It was addressed to the postmaster, and

as an incentive for their mother to keep up her rot-killing. Our cal, the past two months, has killed not less than 125 rats. The two blackest runs were alice and sev-

### Ridicules the Denials.

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LONDON, April 14.—The Daily Mall
publishes this merning an interview with
Joseph Panell Gibbins, the sub-marine
expert, in which he ridicules the Spanish
denials of his statement as to the sale by
him of sub-marine mines to Spain, and
declares that he can prove that the

### Banquet Postponed.

CHICAGO, April 13.—The present crisis between the United States and Spain has led to an indefinite postponement of the annual bannet and demonstration of the Iroquoic Club, set for April 23d, at which ex-President Cleveland and other Demo-cratic leaders of national prominence were scheduled to speak.

### Recessional.

God of our fathers, known of old-Lord of our far-flung battle line-Beneath whose awful hand we held Dominion over palm and pine-Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget-lest we forget. The tumult and the shouting dies-

The Captains and the Kings depart— Still stands thine ancient sacrifice, An humble and a contrite heart. Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet. Far-called our navies melt away— On dune and hendland sinks the fire-Lot all our pump of yesterday is one with Nineveh and Tyre, Judge of the nations, spare us yet. Lest we forget-lest we forget.

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe Such boastings as the Gentiles use Or lesser breeds without the law. Lord God of Hosis, be with us yet, Lest we forget-lest we forget.

For heathen heart that puts her trust
In recking tube and fron shard
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding calls not Thee to guard.
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord. Amen.
—RUDYARD KIPLING.

# CONSULTATION

to-morrow night.
Rath Katahdin, which is anchored bid Point Comfort, did not go with leet, never having been officially at-

meanolis and finally the battleship cas holding the left of the line; the ond place of honor. They bowled along a splendid speed and Commodore ley said as he looked back on them in the bridge; n the bridge; There's a good lot of fighters for you like to see anything that can whij

Brooklyn had 504 men on board

## SPAIN GETTING READY.

### She Refuses to Acknowledge Our

Right to Interfere.

MADRID, April 13.-3:30 A. M.-As the result of a long important Cabinet Counce st night, the Spanish War Office is ac-yely engaged in fortifying and manning to Mediterranean islands of Spain and it cing other portions of the kingdom in

a state of defence.

It is understood that instructions have been cabled to Captain General Blanco to carry the suspension of hostilities into practical effect, "according to the cir-

umstances in each district. The Cabinet meeting lasted five hours, and it is said was mainly devoted to the consideration of President McLinley's reent message to Congress on the Cubar Stuation. When the ministers adjourned in official note was issued, setting forth the views of the government.

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In brief, the note sets forth that the Cabinet has granted an extraordinary credit for war purposes, and has incidentally increased the grant for the account of the artillers of the fact.

of the artillery of Porto Rico.

After disposing of current affairs, the Premier, Senor Sagnata, designated two of the ministers to Immediately draw up an address to the Crown.

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Senor Gullon read a portion of the text of President McKinley's message. Although several paragraphs were lacking the Cabinet, after referring to the President's previous message, which was considered necessary in order to fill up the gaps in the present summary, cacided that the passages read were sufficient for the Cabinet to affirm that the government refuses to acknowledge the right of the United States to interfere in Cuba. General Correo, the Minister of War, and the Minister of Marine, Admiral Bermajo, submitted reports relating to the

measures taken to complete the mobiliza-tion of all the forces of the country. The Minister of Finance. Senor Puigercevi rend a statement relative to the national subscription to increase the

3 P. M.—The situation is regarded to-day on all sides, even apparently by the United States Minister, General Wood-ford, as being most serious. 7:45 P. M.—Upon the re-assembling of the Cortes, Colonel Genaro Alas (retired). P. M.-The situation is regarded to-

strength of the fleet.

lately elected a deputy for Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, will introduce a bill to the effect that Spain should evacuate Cuba, reserving her sovereignty and a yearly for the South the regiment was present

The Carlist who, in the face of a war with the United States, would rise in arms against Spain, is a traitor. If war occurs, all those who fight against the

impression prevails in conscience of a telegram from Cardinal Rampella, show-ing that he yet trusts for a peaceful so-

Contrasting with all the war rumors, a tea party is being given this evening at the Royal Palace in honor of the mem-bers of the International Congress of present with the exception

### TALK OF MEDIATION.

The Bundesrath to Consider a Resolu tion To-day-The Pope's Action.

BERNE, SWITERLAND, April 13.-The National Council has suggested that the Bundesrath consider whether it could not offer to mediate between the United

not offer to mediate between the United States and Spain.

The proposition will be considered to-morew, but it will doubtless so rejected. LONDON, April L.—A special dispatch from Rome announces that the Pope has again telegraphed to Emperor Francis together. Joseph of Austria, begging him to use his influence with the other gavereigns in behalf of peace between the United States

HOME. April 13.—The Opinio, the government organ, says that the chances for poace are stender as the threat.

The Italia, the ergan of the foreign office, declares that the European powers will now wash their hands of the matter,

will now wash their hands of the matter, except to amore their neutrality and the Pope will probably do likewise.

LONDON, April 14.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily News says:

"The Pope is exceedingly upset by the latest developments of the Hispano-American question which seems turning in a way he had hope and tried to avert. This morning at mass in the Sisten chapel, he turned to those around him and exclaimed: I have prayed God with the whole

force of my being and with the whole force of my being and with the deepest fervor to avert this sad war and not to allow my Pontificate to end in the smoke of battle. Otherwise I have implored the Almighty to take me to Himself that I may

mighty to take me to Himself that I may not behold such a sight."

The Fope has dispatched to Emperor Francis Joseph, in answer to a telegram from his Majesty, a message thanking him for his message, and for the way in which he had responded to the Pope's request. The Pontiff begged him to make a last trial by using his good offices with the heads of other States to spare the world the horrors of war.

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As is patent to all Leo XIII. has done everything humanly possible; but war is now considered almost upon us even by the most optimistic.

TROOPS MOVING.

The First Regiment Starts for Chickamauga Park.

#### SPANISH COMMENT.

Sagasta Organ Says the Message was Received with Marked Hest Lty.

gressional Directory Are, respectively, United States Consul and United States Vices-Consul at Carthagena, Spain.) 7 P. M.—The very worst impression pre-valls this evening. Again the Bourse has declined. Ministers say there is no news. General Woodford alone preserves se-

El Epoca says that a reading of the message reveals the fact that "while originally written in a warlike tone, it was subsequently softened down."

was subsequently softened down."
"The most important paragraph." says
El Proca. is the last which the government's proposition answered in last
night's statement and Senor Polo's
memorandum, showing the sacruices
Spain has made for peace."
El Heraldo de Madrid (Ind-pendent)
says:

"The message has removed the mask America has worn too long, it closes also all the diplomatic action leaving Spain face to face with her true enemy, the author of the war who has taken advant

author of the war who has taken advan-tage of the honesty of Spanish diplomats, despising Spain as Napoleon despised her, and to pay dearly, for the blunder as Nanoleon paid for his.
"Only two courses are open: Either to close Spain's history in the New Wird-fleeling ignominously before the boyls of Washington politicians, or to leave to arms the decision of the quarrel. Last night's official note leads to the beller that the Government favors the latter al-ternative, which is in harmony with the A report is current that Cardinal Ram-

an assurance that peace between Spain and the United States will not be dis-turbed.

### BITTER CUBANS.

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HAVANA. April II.—10 P. M.—El Diarlo Del Ejercilo. (the military delly organ), says edutorially to-day:

"Not the rebels, but the United States are the real enemy of Spain. The rebels are merely the contemptible instrument, astute disciples of Monroe and Riaine, serving the prodigious schemes of McKinley. Lee and senatorial speculators will make fortunes. Yankee selfishness is exemplified in the preparing at the South of nearto baialitons to fight in Cuba so that no Yankee can lose his fur."

El Correo says that Miss Clara Rarton, president of the Red Cross Society in the United States, left many debts behind her and "there is nobody to pay them."

Everything here to-day is quiet. No one gives much thought to war, but on one gives much thought to war, but on all sides the armistice is regarded as an annexationist prejude. The Bourse closed

### UNREST IN PORTO RICO.

Internal Revolution is Feared-The Cruisers Still There,

ISLAND OF ST. THOMAS, WEST IN-DIES, April 12.—According to advices from Port Rico, business is at a complete standstill and an internal revolution is Arrivals here to-day from San Juan

The activity in improving the former eattons at San Juan continues. The American Oil Refinery there is under the protection of the Spanish troops. Yesterday the Vizcaya and the Almi-rante Oqueudo were still at San Juan. The orders issued to P. C. Hanna United States Consul at San Juan, while here, to remain at St. Thomas, have been reiterated from Washington.

### LONDON VIEWS

Of the Proceedings of Our Congres on the War Resolution.

LONDON, April 14.—The Times, com-menting editorially this morning on the resolutions submitted yesterday (Wed-

speeches offering gratuitous provocation.
"We doubt, after yesterday's scenes
whether Congress is a fit body to dea with a great hallonal issue or to act as the avenger of wrong. The situation is that Congress has declared for war in everything but name, although without having defined, except in the vaguest manner the objects for which it wishes

Other editorials assert that "America is the delay will still enable a peace solu-

tion.

The Daily News says: "President Mc-Kinley has done the utmost he honorably could to avoid war, but he did not make the American Constitution, which entrusts a war decision to Congress."

The Daily Chronicle, which similarly defends President Mckinley against criticism says: "America, is being driven along by elemental forces which her greatest statesmen and her wisest financiers cannot control."

The Standard says: "The steady current towards war reminds one of the course of the Niagara river above the falls."

The Dally Mail thinks that "Events are ing in the most desirable direction giving America time to perfect her eparations to insure a speedy victory The Daily Telegraph, looking to the silhood that after Spain has been de tied the Cubans vili not submissively copt the terms America may impose

says; it is not a light task that America has undertaken in the interest of human ty, but one that will tax the resources of the statesmanship of her rulers to the very

The Daily Graphic says: "The war will

### RIGID CENSORSHIP IN MADRID.

the Dynasty is the Question.

NEW YORK, April 12.—A London cablegram to the Commercial Advertiser to-day says:

"The censorship permits little Madrid news and less Spanish opinion to reach here, but private information is that the safety of the dynasty most influences the Cabinet now, and that its only fixed policy is 10 gain time, so that Spanish opinion may at last realize America's earnestness and that the continental powers may intervene.

"Germany and England, it is known, are disinclined to go as far in good offices as France and Austria."

Topeka and the That the Safety of then usual in depressed spirits. Sunday evening was spent in writing letters to felends. Yesterday she was found dead in her room. She had taken laudanum and then placed over her face a handkerchief safurated with chloroford the safety of the shattering of her early love. In one of them she declared that she was perfectly sane, but that her mind could no longer stand the strain.

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Topeka and Somers Sail Again. PENTLAND, ENG. April 13.—The United States Cruiser Topeka (formerly the Diegnes) and the torpedo boat Somers, which put in here on account of

the severity of the weather Sunday last after leaving Weymouth for the United States April 5th, sailed again to-day. report that on the 27th of last month street fights and serious rioting followed the election. The polls were raided and the military finally intervened, killing Outbreak in Philippines.

ous outbreak has taken place in Fulluam and that the insurgents have seized the telegraph station, the operators barely escaping with their lives. Troops have been sent to quell the outbreak.

Consul-General Lee, when asked con-cerning the report that he had advised the Democratic Congressmen against recvice, and added that he had given no advice of any kind to the Democratic members of Congress.—Washington Star.

The Pelayo at Cadiz.

WASHINGTON. April 13.—The department received word to-day that the Spanish armored ship Pelayo had arrived at Cadiz from the navy-yard at Carthagena, where she had been preparing for sea service. The Pelayo is the beet tron-clad possessed by the Spanlards, and her presence at Cadiz is a formidable addition to the large facet of battleships and cruisers rendezvoused there.

Powerful Tug Bought. NEW ORLEANS, April 13.-The Govgoing tug-boat, W. G. Coyle. She will

be equipped at once for service.

The Baltimore Sails. YOKOHAMA, April 13.—The United States cruiser Baltimore, from Honolulu, will depart for Hong Kong to-moriow un-der urgent orders.

### Southern Methodists.

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A meeting of the General Conference Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held last night at Trinity church, Madison avenue and Preston street. Arrangements were concompleted for locating all the delegates at the several hotels of the city, and the following programme was adopted for the public reception to be given on Thursday, May 5th;

Bishop A. W. Wilson will preside. Prayer will be offered by Bishop W. W. Duncan, of Spartanburg, S. C., followed by the reading of the scriptures by Bishop Joseph S. Key, of Sherman, Tex. The address of welcome will be made by Bishop A. W. Wilson on the part of the churches of the city, which will be responded to by Etshop E. R. Hendrix, of Kansas City.

Governor Lawndes will be present and make an address Special music will be rendered by a selected choir. The reception, and the existence of the conference will be held in the Fourar Regiment Armory, on Fayette street.

A dispatch from New York states that the managers of the Joint Traffic Association have approved the special rate of one-first-class fare per capita in the territory of the Central Passenger Association to the Southern Methodist General Conference.—Baltimore Sun.

### Suicide in a Bridal Dress.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Miss Lillian Rig-gins, attired in a bridal dress of white that had been folded away for ten years, and with a bouquet of spring flowers in her hand, killed hersoif in order to join in death the lover who had precoded her

in death the lover who had precoded her ten years ago.

When Miss Higgins was nineteen years old death carried away a young man to whom she was betrothed within a few weeks of the time set for the wedding. For ten years she bore her sorrow, but during the past three weeks friends of the young woman noticed that she seemed more than usual in depressed spirits. Sunday evening was spent in writing

Too Many Wives.

CHESTERTOWN. MD., April 12—
Thomas Price (colored), aged eighty-one
years, committed suicide Sunday by jumping from Gale's wharf into Worton creek,
Kent county. He was seen to approach
the wharf by Lewin Hudson, and in a
few minutes was missed, and an investigation disclosed the fact that his hat
was floating on the water near the wharf.
The body was recovered by means of a
boat hook. Price was known to be a man
of many wives, and the only assignable
reason for his act is embarrassment resulting from richness in wives.

See big advertisement on sixth page.

MADRID, April 13.—It is reported that Be sure to read The Times next Sunday an official telegram has been received and get the colored portrait of Fits Lee.